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AVAILABILITY OF PULSES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the per capita availability of pulses has been reduced;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to boost the production of pulses in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a): The per capita availability of Pulses during the last three year has been fluctuating as shown in the data given below:

Year	Per Capita Net Availability (Grams per Day)
1998	33.0
1999 (Provisional)	36.9
2000 (Provisional)	31.9

(b): The availability of pulses depends upon their production which fluctuate from year to year depending upon the behaviour of monsoon as they are cultivated on marginal and sub-marginal lands under rainfed conditions.

(c): To boost the production of pulses in the country, pulses have been brought under the ambit of Technology Mission on Oilseeds & Pulses. A centrally sponsored scheme of National Pulses Development Project (NPDP) is being implemented for this purposeUnder the scheme, assistance is being provided for inputs like production and distribution of certified seeds, seed minikits, improved farm implements, rhyzobium culture, micro-nutrients, integrated pests management and distribution of sprinkler sets etc. In addition field demonstrations and farmers` training are also being organized for the transfer of improved production & protection technologies to the farmers` field for increasing the production of pulses in the country.